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St. Louis Post-Dispatch - State asks Bridgeton Landfill owners to do more to keep fire from spreading - 10/14/14 - The owners of the Bridgeton Landfill need to step up their efforts to keep an underground fire from reaching nuclear waste at the adjacent West Lake Landfill, according to a letter released Monday by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/state-asks-bridgeton-landfill-owners-to-do-more-to-keep/article_ebd4f86c-eb7a-596b-b7ad-4d4f7189cf14.html

People's World - Teamsters' teach-in spotlights environmental injustice at hazardous Missouri landfill - 10/9/14 - Corporate environmental injustice - in this case, Republic Service at its toxic waste landfill and Superfund site in Bridgeton, Missouri - led the discussion at an October 3 St. Louis teach-in on the dump, its future and responsibility for cleaning it up. <http://peoplesworld.org/teamsters-teach-in-spotlights-environmental-injustice-at-hazardous-missouri-landfill/>

Columbus Telegram (Neb.) - Brooks: Act deals only with waterways, not with land use - 10/12/14 - I want to make sure you know the facts. The EPA intends to protect clean water without getting in the way of farming and ranching. Normal farming practices including planting, plowing, and harvesting have always been exempt from Clean Water Act regulations. Our proposal doesn't change that. http://columbustelegram.com/news/opinion/columnists/brooks-act-deals-only-with-waterways-not-with-land-use/article_5c0e8275-e6ad-5082-a448-9da7612603ef.html

Brownfield Ag News - Congressman: EPA 'getting pushback' on WOTUS proposal – 10/9/14 - Missouri Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer says the EPA extended its comment period for their Waters of the U.S. rulemaking proposal because they're getting pushback. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2014/10/09/congressman-epa-getting-pushback-wotus-proposal/>

Iowa Public Radio - EPA Holds Meetings with Farmers to Quell Fears Over Water Rule (audio) - 10/13/14 - Proposed changes to the Clean Water Act have some Midwest farmers worried that, if enacted, they could be subject to additional regulation. Officials with the Environmental Protection Agency are trying to assuage those fears. <http://iowapublicradio.org/post/epa-holds-meetings-farmers-quell-fears-over-water-rule>

Kansas City Kansan - Schmidt files objection to EPA's Proposed Rule on 'Waters of the U. S.' - 10/13/14 - Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt announced today that he has filed a formal objection to proposed new federal water regulations that could significantly extend the regulatory reach of the federal government onto Kansas private property. <http://www.kckansan.com/2014/10/schmidt-files-objection-to-epas.html>

Quad-City Times - Brooks: EPA rule does not target ditches - 10/9/14 - The Clean Water Act only deals with the pollution and destruction of waterways – not land use. Also, the proposal does not regulate new types of ditches, does not apply to groundwater, and does not change the exemption for stock ponds. http://qctimes.com/news/opinion/editorial/epa-rule-does-not-target-ditches/article_b78d2f2c-1f97-578f-a802-17048c44a46d.html

Lake Expo (Mo.) - Ameren: EPA's 'Clean Power Plan' could cost Missouri customers billions - 10/10/14 - Ameren says reducing CO2 is a good goal, but says it is “gravely concerned” about the Environmental Protection Agency’s “Clean Power Plan.” The company argues that plan is legally flawed and unnecessarily costly, and could cost Ameren Missouri customers an extra \$4 billion for electricity. http://lakeexpo.com/news/lake_news/ameren-epa-s-clean-power-plan-could-cost-missouri-customers/article_6d652314-50b5-11e4-a215-43d8b5b28e3f.html

Ames Tribune (Iowa) - Council to decide on pipeline for power plant - 10/14/14 - At a special joint meeting of the Ames City Council and Electric Utility Operations Review and Advisory Board, the city of Ames will decide this evening whether to approve a multi-year contract with Alliant Energy to tap into a new pipeline and provide natural gas to the city’s power plant after its conversion from burning coal. <http://amestrib.com/news/council-decide-pipeline-power-plant>

AG Professional - Biofuel mandate cuts would raise carbon pollution – lawmakers - 10/10/14 - The Obama administration's proposed cuts to U.S. biofuel use targets could undermine the White House's plan to tackle climate change, according to two Democrats on the Senate committee that oversees the renewable fuel mandate. <http://www.agprofessional.com/news/Biofuel-mandate-cuts-would-raise-carbon-pollution-lawmakers-278821801.html>

York News-Times (Neb.) - EPA looks at second contamination plume - 10/13/14 - Last week, officials with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provided information to the public about the plume of contaminated groundwater that is located in the southeast portion of the city. They will be taking immediate steps to investigate its source in the downtown – but they are also continuing work on the second plume (in the northeast area of the city) being tackled as a Superfund priority project. http://www.yorknewstimes.com/news/epa-looks-at-second-contamination-plume/article_9d08cc72-535f-11e4-a093-ab8225df3035.html

Topeka Capital-Journal - KSU severs ties to author of controversial prairie-burn research article - 10/11/14 - Konza Prairie researcher Gene Towne’s final day at Kansas State University falls three months after public release of a research study suggesting ranchers could burn grassland outside the April time frame that served as university agronomy department gospel for decades. <http://cjonline.com/news/business/2014-10-11/ksu-severs-ties-author-controversial-prairie-burn-research-article>

Associated Press - Kansas State won’t rehire professor who conducted controversial research on grassland burning - 10/13/14 - Kansas State University isn’t renewing the contract for a professor who co-published a research article on grassland burning that questioned long-held university guidance to ranchers. <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2014/oct/13/kansas-state-wont-rehire-professor-who-conducted-c/>

The Gazette - Renewable fuel standard decision faces indefinite delay - 10/14/14 - An Environmental Protection Agency proposal to lower the required level of ethanol in petroleum-based fuels has stalled, leading to speculation that politics are in play as the midterm election looms. <http://thegazette.com/subject/news/business/agriculture/renewable-fuel-standard-decision-faces-indefinite-delay-20141012>

Utility Dive - Southwest Power Pool: EPA timeline for emissions cuts too short - 10/10/14 - A reliability impact assessment released by the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) indicates that generators in the Regional Transmission Organization may not have enough time to adapt to new EPA regulations. <http://www.utilitydive.com/news/spp-epa-timeline-for-emissions-cuts-too-short/319884/>